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A report on the strength, organization, equipment and activities of the 50X1-HUM
North Korean Coast Guard unit which was stationed in the Kwangnyang-man
(N 38-46, E 125-14)(XC 9493) area of P'yongan-namdo

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I. Details:

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Activities of the Kwangyang-man Area Coast Guard Unit:

2. **Strength & Organization of the Coast Guard Unit:** This unit belonged to the Security Guard Bureau of the Ministry of Internal Affairs [redacted]

[redacted] To guard the coastal area of Kwangyang-man, the unit had maintained one company strength of coast guards. [redacted] throughout the working period, about 30 of them, all of whom were above the rank of Sergeant.

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3. **Guarding Area:** The unit had been guarding the coastal line about six kilometers long starting from Hyanggon-ni (XC 873947) to the southernmost part of the Kwising Saltern (XC 911961). As regards this area [redacted] a map which was attached to the end of this report. [redacted]

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4. **Guarding Activities:** [redacted] the unit had been run under two guarding system: one was daytime patrol, and the other was night ambush. At night, guards were put on duty at three ambush posts: XC 897945, XC 873949, and XC 891947. One ambush post was guarded by a three-member team. The guard post located at XC 896944 was capable of quartering one squad, and night guards were also put around this post. [redacted] unit's company headquarters located at XC 881954; [redacted]

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[redacted] In the daytime, one patrol was put on duty along the guarding area; but in case of an emergency, patrols were reinforced. One night patrol team consisted of two members.

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5. **Condition of Guards:** [redacted] the activities of the guard unit members were not so notably active, compared with those of the NKPA units. Reason: first, they had not thoroughly been trained militarily as well as ideologically, since they were not regular military servicemen; second, their morale was not high due to loose discipline. They were free after their duty hours. They lived with their family, and went to work from their homes, not from their unit quarters. Their houses were located around Tokchong-ni (XC 893955) and Kinsa-ri (XC 881949). [redacted]

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6. Equipment: Most members of the unit had carried 1918-type Russian rifles. and the officers carried Soviet pistols. One 1910-type Makssim (transliteration—Translator) heavy machine gun was seen at the unit's guard post. Daytime patrols and night ambush duty men carried Soviet burp-guns. [REDACTED] No difference could be found between the uniforms of the guards and the uniforms of ordinary internal affairs station members. Their ensigns were also identical with those of the internal affairs station personnel. 50X1-HUM

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□ Company Headquarters

▲ Ambush Point

○ Guard Post

× Artillery Position

— Day & Night Patrolling Area

- - - Pathway of Villagers

Ryangga-ni

Kyusa-ri

Takchong-ni

Kyusa-ri

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Gathering Area of
Nearby Villagers

Hach'wira-do

Sangch'wira-do

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